

**Office of the State Board of Education
WICHE Professional Student Exchange
(Field of Optometry)
Strategic Plan
2009-2013**

Mission Statement

The Western Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and its 15 member states work to improve access to higher education and ensure student success. Student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and research and policy work allow us/WICHE to assist students, policymakers, educators, and institutional, business and community leaders throughout the West and beyond. Idaho's participation in the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) through WICHE enables students to enroll in an out-of-state professional optometry program at a reduced cost. The program supports students through 4 years of training

Goal I

Attract quality students to the WICHE PSEP program that also have an interest in practicing in Idaho.

Performance Measure

Number of students applying each year
Number of students selected

Benchmark

Attract two well qualified applicants for each position filled

Goal II

Produce two highly-trained and fully-qualified optometrist each year

Objective

Train excellent optometrists to practice in Idaho.

Performance measure

Pass rate on the National Board of Examiners Optometry Examination
Number of graduates remaining in Idaho

Benchmark

100 percent pass rate on Board of Examiners Optometry Examination
50 percent of graduates remain in Idaho

Key External Factors Beyond Agency Control

While applicant screening will include interest in practicing in Idaho, the program has no control on factors which will ultimately dictate the location and opportunities pursued by program graduates.